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For: PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, Examiner: H.C. Rickman
 MANUFACTURING PROCESS OF THE SAME, AND MAGNETIC
 STORAGE APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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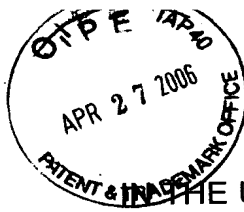
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 1, 2006, please amend the
above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.